

Great Kills Harbor Staten Island, N.Y.

Federal Navigation Channel

Maintenance of Infrastructure and Stewardship

FACT SHEET DECEMBER 2008

DESCRIPTION: Funding in FY09 is not provided.

AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project was adopted in 1927 and modified in 1938. The project is located on the south shore of Staten Island, Richmond County, New York. The project provides for a channel, 10 ft. deep, 150 ft. wide, from deep water in Lower New York Bay to the entrance of the harbor in the vicinity of the present westerly end of Crooks Point, thence of same depth and width along the west side of the harbor. Length of the channel is approximately 1.9 miles. An anchorage area, 8 ft. deep covers 138 acres inside the harbor.

STATUS: In Fiscal Year 2003, the federal navigation channel at Great Kills Harbor was dredged with beach placement of 124,000 cubic yards of the sand at Great Kills Beach. The contract was advertised on June 25, 2002 and bid opening was August 15, 2002. Wickberg Marine of Belford, New Jersey was awarded the contract on September 3, 2002 and the Notice to Proceed was issued on September 17, 2002. The dredged material was placed at Great Kills Beach, part of the Gateway National Recreation Area.

The New York District provided funds to the National Park Service for the purchase of coastal maritime grasses, shrubs and trees as well as fencing to protect the new plants at Great Kills Park, part of the Gateway National Recreation Area. On June 25, 2003, the National Park Service with the New York District planted many hundred coastal grasses and some shrubs to re-vegetate existing dune areas. The National Park Service continued the planting throughout the summer.

Previously, dredging of the entrance channel was completed in June 1962 with the removal of approximately 27,000 CY of dredged material. The last dredging of the anchorage area was completed in July 1948 with removal of 93,712 CY of dredged material.

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